

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the abstract with the new abstract attached hereto and forming a part of this response.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 3, line 34 as follows:

So that more particularly in the case of a positive connection of a holding device according to the invention and the hose, particularly a ribbed hose, said device can be mounted on the hose, according to a further development of the invention there is a construction comprising at least two partial shells (half-shells). The individual partial or half-shells of the inventive device can be radially held together in different, per se known ways, e.g. by screwing or by snap connections on their front faces. In a preferred development the partial shells can be held together by a closing ring, which can be constructed in one piece and can then be axially engaged on a cylindrical holding section of the device according to the invention. Alternatively the closing ring can have a multipart construction and on its front faces are formed connecting devices. The latter can once again be formed by snap connection devices, so that the closing ring is closed by radially moving together the individual parts (partial rings). In a highly preferred development, the partial rings of the closing ring are interconnectable by snap constructions by snapping in at right angles to the axis of symmetry. In the closed position there are back-engaging, complimentary shapes on the front faces of the partial rings of the closing ring with axial connectability of the shapes and therefore the partial rings. Such a closing ring is disclosed in the parallel patent application 10/664,702 filed the same day as

this application and entitled "RING PART COMPRISING AT LEAST TWO PARTIAL RINGS AND METHOD FOR JOINING THE PARTIAL RINGS TO FORM A CLOSED RING PART Closing Ring", which also covers preferred developments of the present invention and whose disclosure is therefore made fully into part of the content of this patent application and whose documents are enclosed with the present application for disclosure purposes as enclosure I incorporated by reference.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 8, line 14 as follows:

Fig. 4 shows another possibility for holding together the half-shells 1.1, 1.2 of the inventive device 1, namely by a closing ring 7, comprising two half-rings 7.1 and 7.2, which have on their front faces circumferentially acting, mutually complimentary, relatively rigid or solid shapes 7.3, by means of which the closing ring 7 is closed and therefore the device 1 comprising the two half-shells 1.1 and 1.2 is held together. The closing ring 7 is located on an annular shoulder 8 of device 1 (cf. also fig. 2), preferably in frictionally gripping manner. The connection of the two half-rings 7.1 and 7.2 of the closing ring 7 takes place in that the shapes 7.3 are axially interengaged. For further details reference is made to enclosure I application serial number 10/664,702.

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 10, line 31 as follows:

The subject matter of the invention is all that is shown in the drawings and all that is described hereinbefore with respect to the inventive device for holding a ribbed hose as such,

particularly with its holding and support area, but also with its application area. The subject matter of the preferred development of the invention also includes the closing ring according to enclosure I application serial number 10/664.702 cooperating with the inventive device for holding the ribbed hose, together with the application area of the inventive device in conjunction with the clamp and consequently the latter in conjunction with the inventive device.